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SUBJECT: BULGARIA SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES

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On September 21, PolOff delivered reftel non-paper to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs United Nations and Global Issues Department Head, Kamen Velichkov via email. He acknowledged receipt of the U.S. priorities, but did not offer any comments. Highlighting the GOB's prior financial support to the UN Democracy Fund, United Nations and Global Issues Expert Angel Angelov told PolOff that the GOB strongly supports the Community of Democracies on September 19. He also said that GOB supports the role of NGOs in democratic societies, and noted that Bulgarian NGOs have received funds in the past from this initiative. According to Angelov, the GOB is considering sending Deputy Foreign Minister Lyubomir Kyuchoukov to the meeting in Bamako, Mali, but will wait to see who other countries send.
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